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Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period for morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY'S TIES TO HALLIBURTON

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to discuss a disturbing development that has just come to light. This development questions Vice President CHENEY's continuing financial ties to Halliburton, the oil services company he once headed.

This past Sunday, the Vice President made the following statement to Tim Russert on "Meet the Press." I quote from that statement. The Vice President said:

Since I left Halliburton to become George Bush's Vice President, I've severed all of my ties with the company, gotten rid of all of

my financial interest. I have no financial interest in Halliburton of any kind and haven't had, now, for over three years.

After he made that statement, my curiosity led me to take a look at the Vice President's financial disclosure records. What I saw in those reports was completely at odds with what he said on television Sunday morning. Vice President CHENEY's official financial disclosure filings with the Office of Government Ethics reveals that not only does the Vice President continue to have financial ties to Halliburton but also that Halliburton is continuing to provide personal financial benefits to the Vice President.

In the years 2001 and 2002, the Vice President received large "deferred salary" payments from Halliburton. In 2001, Halliburton paid Vice President CHENEY \$205,298 in salary, and in 2002 Halliburton paid Vice President CHENEY \$162,392 in salary. He is scheduled to receive similar payments this year, 2003, and in 2004 and 2005. That is a pretty strong "financial tie," in my view. If you ask every-day Americans if someone has a financial interest in a company that pays them annual compensation, I am certain the answer would be universally "yes."

Deferred salary is not a retirement benefit or a payment from a third-party escrow account but, rather, an ongoing corporate obligation that is paid from company funds. If a company were to go under, the beneficiary could lose the deferred salary.

In an attempt to mitigate the Vice President's continuing financial interest in Halliburton, his financial statement disclosure form says he "acquired" an insurance policy "to ensure that he will receive the equivalence of his remaining deferred compensation account with Halliburton." The terms of this insurance policy, its costs, and who paid for it are still unclear.

In addition, Vice President CHENEY continues to hold 433,333 unexercised Halliburton stock options. At the end of 2002, Vice President CHENEY's financial disclosure form stated he continued to hold these options, although the exercise prices are above the company's current stock market price. Even though these exercise prices are above current values, these options could in the future bring a substantial windfall, if Halliburton's earnings in stock value continue to grow as it benefits from large government contracts.

This morning, I looked at a chart that showed Halliburton's stock value and its growth from October of last year until the current time. It has grown by about 75 percent while the rest of the industry has remained flat over the years.

These options could bring, as I said, a substantial windfall if earnings in stock values continue to grow—I repeat—because of the value I find people have placed on Halliburton stock resulting in some pretty good contracts they have gotten in dealing with issues in Iraq.